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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Briefing and Discussion of the NIS Program for  
Congressman Glenard P. Lipscomb, California

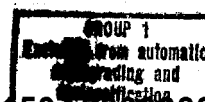
1. On 3 June 1968, Messrs. Proctor, [REDACTED] and Brammell 25X1A9a  
met with Mr. Lipscomb at 2:10 p.m. for a one-hour and twenty-  
minute briefing and discussion of the National Intelligence Survey  
Program.

25X1A9a 2. [REDACTED] opened the discussion by explaining that  
the purpose of our visit was to follow through on questions raised  
at the budget hearing regarding the NIS and particularly some of  
the external research in support of it.

3. Jim Brammell talked about the concept of the program,  
kinds of intelligence covered, the substantive coverage, the  
publication types, the historical and legal background, and the  
current inventory of published materials available. He described  
the production process in full and the USIB-approved NIS Coverage  
Plan. From this point, Mr. Lipscomb asked general and detailed  
questions to allay doubts and concerns that were in his mind. A  
major concern was over the capabilities of BIC and BDSA in Commerce  
to produce material worthy of inclusion in the NIS. He and other  
members of the Appropriations Committee evidently have grave doubts  
about the effectiveness of BDSA because of dissatisfaction with parts  
of their program and the generally poor showing in their budget  
hearings. It was explained that each of the non-USIB agencies had  
to build a competent staff to handle NIS requirements; that the  
original concept of using existing capabilities with full integration  
of the NIS Program requirements into their normal work had not proved  
to be feasible. In reality, each agency has a separate, fully  
competent staff whose time is devoted solely to NIS. This explanation,  
along with the historical development of NIS contract relations and  
the review of personnel capabilities, assured Mr. Lipscomb that the  
NIS was getting quality contributions from the non-USIB's.

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4. Ed Proctor, sensing that the Congressman did not understand the differences in intelligence production - that is basic, national, current, estimative, departmental, took the opportunity to explain the full range of types of work and the publications responding to different levels and differing needs. This discussion seemed to fill gaps in understanding and to tie the whole of intelligence production into meaningful relationships for the Congressman.

5. Mr. Lipscomb was cordial, intensely interested in the NIS Program, willing to receive forthright explanation relative to his doubts and queries, was impressed with the complexity of the program. He was obviously impressed and in full agreement with our careful examination of yearly budget submissions from the non-USIB's, a review of the quality of their work and a careful delineation of improvements needed. At the conclusion, Mr. Lipscomb expressed his wholehearted support of the NIS program and its purpose.

6. Mr. Lipscomb is obviously concerned with the DIA budget examination now in progress. Their requirement for more people, unfilled vacancies since last year, masses of unprocessed data on Southeast Asia were a few of his expressed concerns. Ed Proctor fielded the questions concerning more people by generally covering the topics of tremendous increases in availability of certain types of data because of improved communications, stepped-up reporting, new technical collection devices, etc. His discussion was carefully oriented to cover the problems facing all of the intelligence community.

7. At one point Mr. Lipscomb examined the section on Yugoslavia, Characteristics of the People. His attention fell on the Comments on Principle Sources in which a book Yugoslavia And The New Communism was characterized as offering one of the most objective and comprehensive treatments of postwar Yugoslavia. The authors of the book are George W. Hoffman and Fred Warner Neal. Jim Bremmell, knowing George Hoffman and his field work in Yugoslavia, attested to his competence. Mr. Lipscomb pressed the point of why such a book would be referenced in the NIS especially since the other author, Neal, had contributed many articles on communism for publication in periodicals outside this country. He finally admitted that Fred Warner Neal is his democratic opponent in the upcoming election, and that his opinion of the man's ability to write something worthy of mention in a national intelligence publication may be somewhat prejudiced. All of this was in good humor.

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8. The meeting concluded with Mr. Lipscomb expressing his sincere appreciation for the discussion and the allaying of his fears about the quality of the contributions to the NIS from Commerce, in particular, and the other agencies, in general.

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